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SCOTTISH LETTER.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY IN SCOTLAND

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, December 6th.

St. Andrew's Day has passed once more without ruffling the surface of stolid Scotland, where, abroad, and in so near and dear a land as England, Scotsmen have at least chosen the day for a social dinner or concert, or the like. The Scot at home was on the whole unconscious that the Festival of St. Andrew was different from other days; the Scot abroad was in varying degrees conscious of a difference, and probably his neighbours in partibus thought he was too self-conscious. This is all according to the book—that book in which is recorded the actual behaviour of the *perfidium ingentum* and not the behaviour that some Scotsmen, men of a good type, consider becoming to the race.

Arnold Bennett sent a greeting to the St. Andrew Festival at the Savoy in London. "As England has now been under the heel of Scotland for three centuries," the undersigned, Sassenach, seeing no hope of an English Free State, respectfully salutes the conquerors. In the same tone was an editorial note in the Toronto *Globe*—The British Labour Party has chosen a Scotsman, as leader. So has the Conservative party. The National Liberals are headed by a Welshman, Mr. Asquith is a Yorkshireman who sits for a Scottish constituency. Yet Scotsmen are agitating for Home Rule. Some day England also will demand self-government.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, George Street, Edinburgh, on St. Andrew's Day, when the principal business was the installation of the recently appointed Grand officers—Brigadier-General R. G. Gordon Gilmore, of Craigmillar, Past Grand Master, presided and carried through the installation ceremony. The Earl of Elgin having been duly installed as Grand Master Mason, he intimated that he had appointed the Earl of Stair as his Grand Master Depute and Lord Cochrane of Cults as his Substitute-Grand Master.

FORTH AND CLYDE CANAL.

It is understood that there is no prospect of the Forth and Clyde Canal scheme being included as part of the Government's plans for the relief of unemployment. The decision was come to some time ago, but the present emergency has brought the project to the fore again as being capable of affording employment to many thousands of men. The view of the responsible authorities is, however, that the cost of construction would be entirely out of proportion to the probable gain, and that the cutting of the Canal could only be justified on the ground of overwhelming strategic necessity. As such necessity does not, in the view of the Admiralty, exist, the project is ruled out for the present at any rate.

THE FIRST AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPION.

Much has been heard of late of the golf championship, and nothing is more interesting than the happy act of justice that proclaimed Mr. A. F. Macfie the first Amateur Champion in history. Mr. Macfie won the tournament held at Hoylake in 1883, which was the genesis of the championship, and it was all along acknowledged, especially by his contemporaries and those who competed with him in that pioneer meeting, that Mr. Macfie was in fact, if not in name, the first winner of the title, for there was a representative company of the players of the time in the tournament, and the championship was as a direct sequel established in the following season. It must be a satisfaction to him in these veteran days, which he spent at St. Andrews, as it is, to golfers generally, that his name has been given its rightful place, after many years in the records of the game.

THE OPEN DOOR IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

For this year's championship what may be called the policy of the open door has been adopted. In view of the transition stage in handicapping reform, the restriction based upon club rating was wiped out, and the only check upon entries was their sanction by club committees. There was a record entry of 529 at Prestwick, though taking into account the fact that Scottish amateur players of whom the "star" of the year was Mr. John Caven, have a better chance to attend when the event is in these parts, it might have been expected to turn out a more congested championship. Things will be different next year in the conduct of the premier meeting. The Championship Committee are to make up a national handicap list, which will govern the entry. Golfers may apply to be included in this list, and for the purpose of assessing their place in it they are to send in their handicaps in their various clubs, and the Championship Committee will also consult unions and associations for information in compiling their national register. The possession of such a list by the authorities would, of course, make them independent either of delay in club handicap reform or actual defections from the general scheme.

AN IMPERIALIST RACEMAN.

As this year's winner of the Gimerack Stakes with the horse *Rown Guard*, Lord Woolington, the recently created Scottish Peer, who will be better remembered as Sir James Buchanan, was the guest at York at the 156th dinner of the Brethren of Ye Ancient Fraternity of York Gimeracks, a body formed to commemorate the performances of Gimerack, one of the most famous of all race horses. His lordship made a racy speech, in the course of which he said that he was not going to suggest to them that because Gimerack was a good horse, 156 years ago—and he was a good horse, for he won 25 races, and was only 10 times beaten—he bore any comparison with the British thoroughbred of to-day. It was on record that he stood only just over 14

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THE COST OF LIVING IN ENGLAND.

A correspondent contributes to the *N. C. Daily News* his (or her) experience of house-keeping in England for two years in the following terms:—

My house was in the country in Yorkshire. It had eight rooms and good garden (own vegetables, flowers and fruit). The figures I give here are authentic, as I still have all my accounts by me. The family comprised myself, by me, three children and maid. I had a woman to wash weekly and a gardener one day and a half weekly. Mode of living was simple and plain. We dined mid-day and had light suppers. Little or no entertaining.

Cost of one month's living:—

Butcher	£3.10.0
Grocer	6.10.0
Fish	1.10.0
Bread	1.0.0
Chemist	1.0.0
Milk and cream	2.0.0
Rent	8.0.0
Rates (about)	(£70 per year)
Coal (1½ tons)	(about £30 per year)
Maids (general)	3.10.0
Woman to wash	(3/- a day)
Gardener (1½ days)	16/-
	(6/- a day)
Total	£40.4.0

I should allow about £2 per month for vegetables and fruit if I had to buy same. This is a fair average of household expenses in England for 1921-1922, and I believe they are about the same to-day. A few detail prices might be a help. I give them as per bills:—

Steak	2/4 per lb.
Loaf chops	2/4
Beef (joint)	1/10
Mutton (joint)	2/-
Milk	8d. quart
Stewing steak	1/8
Ox tail	1/8
Chicken	7/6
Eggs per doz.	3/-
Butter per lb.	2/4
Bacon per lb.	2/3
Bananas doz.	2/-
Celery	8d. and 1/-

THE GRAND NATIONAL.

The Liverpool Executive are charging owners £100 to run a horse in the Grand National, thus hoping to exclude bad horses. They are also raising the stake to £10,000.

hands, and he was sure that Town Guard stood fully two hands higher than that. Such had been the progress in size, and he believed, in quality of our horses. Might he be permitted to suggest to them that Town Guard was superior to all of them, in that he represented Unionist and Imperialist interests, without any dissension, being as he was British born, bred by himself, a Scotsman, from a mare whose granddam was by Carbine (bred in New Zealand, and famous for all time for his winning record in Australia), trained by Mr. Gilpin, an Irishman, and ridden by Archibald, an American.

THE CLYDE'S GREAT RECORD

Clyde ships are known—as the Americans put it—wherever the ground is damp enough for them to float. Since the days of the *Comet*, the Clyde parent of all steamships, the speed of ships on the Atlantic has increased at the rate of a knot for every five years. There are people to-day, he says, who think that if the price of coal and oil rise much higher, sails may be able to outsteam as a means of propulsion. Great Britain has about one-third of the shipping of the world, and of that amount the Clyde produces about one-third, so that the River Clyde is responsible for one-ninth of the world's ships. The value of the ships exported from the Clyde, however, is less than the value of the whisky exported.

DIGNIFIED INTIMACY.

It is well known that drunk men sometimes use exceedingly precise language as if to refute the idea that they are drunk. I happened to overhear the other evening one of the most dignified utterances I have ever listened to from drunk or from sober. The tipsy man's companion had evidently been attempting to justify or explain something he had done, and at the moment I came on the scene the drunk man straightened his shoulders as well as he could and in slow precise tones delivered himself of this utterance:—The angel Gabriel will require to judge you by the thoughts you have cherished, and not by the achievements you have accomplished.

OBITUARY.

The death has taken place of Sir Isaac Bayley Balfour, F. R. S., for many years King's Botanist in Scotland, Regius Keeper of the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, and Professor of Botany in the University of Edinburgh, who died at Courts Hill, Halesmere, in his 70th year. In 1890 he explored the island of Socotra, and the results were published by the Royal Society of Edinburgh, the many handsome plates taking seven years to prepare. Unfortunately Professor Balfour also brought back from Socotra, malaria, which never ceased to trouble him. He was an energetic traveller, and had toured in China and Japan. His daughter married Mr. F. A. Aglen, Sir Robert Hart's successor in the Chinese Customs service.

Mary Clementine, Lady Dunedin of Stenton, Dumfries, Perthshire, wife of Lord Dunedin, seventh daughter of the late Admiral Sir William Edmondstone. She was a leader of Edinburgh society, and the elite of the City and county were to be found in her drawing-room.

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A TALE OF THE SEA. CAREER OF A TEA CLIPPER.

The story of the famous *Cutty Sark* and other China tea clippers of last century leads Mr. Stephen D. Murphy, a writer in *Chamber's Journal*, to recount the romance of three famous Clyde-built ships. One of these was the *Sea King*, which became in turn British transport, China tea clipper, Confederate cruiser, coastal trader, and Royal yacht. Built at Kelvinside, near Glasgow, she was a very interesting specimen of marine architecture—a fine-lined, full shiprigged auxiliary screw steamer of 1,900 tons, with a lifting propeller designed to help her sailing powers. The first steamer constructed on the "composite" principle, patented and successfully introduced by Mr. Alexander Stephen, a well-known Clyde shipbuilder of those days, she was built at a cost of £45,000, with a view to competing with the fastest ships then afloat. The competition to be first home with a tea cargo was keener even than the pre-war struggle to gain the blue ribbon of the Atlantic Ocean. Launched in August, 1883, while fitting out the British Government chartered her as a troopship, carrying men and ammunition to New Zealand to help quell the Maori revolt, the *Sea King* made her maiden voyage. On return to her owners, she sailed for China to bring home her first and only cargo of tea. Apparently her performance pleased the Confederate Commissioners, on the look-out for ships for their side in the American Civil War. On arrival of the *Sea King* at Swatow to take aboard her tea cargo, she was inspected by Confederate representatives; and seemingly arrangements concluded for her transfer to the navy of the Southern States. As though nothing unusual had happened, the *Sea King* made London again, and on October 6th, 1884, was extensively outward bound for China once more. At the Canary Islands a strange craft was signalled, and, to the amazement of the clipper's crew, a Confederate tender came alongside. Two 8-in. smooth-bore guns, two Whitworth 32-pounders, and two 12-pounder rifles, along with stores, were transferred to the *Sea King*. A nominal sale was effected, the Confederate flag was hoisted. The British seamen were furious; but were powerless. The majority bluntly refused duty under the Confederate flag; and it was only with the help of some Confederate seamen that an attenuated crew was made up and an armed cruiser *Shenandoah* got under weigh. Panic and marauding warfare on the part of the Confederates had driven Federal shipping almost from the seas, but in the remote regions of the Japan Sea and the Arctic Ocean the whalers still plied their customary trade. The *Shenandoah* was chosen to spread terror among the whalers. Short-handed as she was, she rounded the Cape, and stood across the Indian Ocean for Melbourne. There, according to plan, she replenished her bunkers and effected certain repairs, besides shipping forty-two hard cases as crew. She made for the Behring Sea—but the war was actually over ere she got there, but she had destroyed a fleet of whalers before authentic news reached her on June 28th, 1865, that the Confederate States had ceased to exist. Captain Waddell, formerly of the *Alabama*, was not the man to surrender without a fight. He failed to get coal, but, contriving to get sufficient stores, the *Shenandoah* started on a seventeen thousand miles' journey to Britain. In all that long run under sail never a ship spoke her, until she made the port of Liverpool, where her captain surrendered to the British Government. She had made thirty-six prizes, valued at \$1,341,000 during her marauding career, and only the notorious *Alabama* and *Florida* riders had more prizes to their credit. For a time the *Shenandoah* returned to her old *Sea King* days as a coastal trader, but the Sultan of Zanzibar took a fancy to her, and had her transformed into a royal yacht. After a long period of useful service, she was finally lost in a storm off Madagascar.

BLACKMAIL.

AT CORONET THEATRE.

Most men would be ready and willing enough to become prey to so bewitching a blackmailer as pretty Viola Dana, who has the chief part in Sunday's picture at the Coronet. "Blackmail" is the title of the film and Miss Dana has the role of Floissie Golden, the beautiful daughter of a famous crook. With a band of confederates she manages to entangle an empty-headed young Croesus, but her well laid plans "gang" agley, when the young man's mother finds out all about it. Through the efforts of a resourceful lawyer the blackmailing scheme is nipped in the bud and the plot takes an unexpected turn when the lawyer himself falls victim to the wiles of the winsome "crook."

A couple of specially attractive films are announced for next week's programme at the Coronet. One of them is "Flower of the North," a stirring tale of love and romance based on a novel of James Oliver Curwood's and the other is Charlie Chaplin's latest million dollar comedy "The Idle Class."

THE AMERICAN VISITORS. MAY ALLISON INTERVIEWED. RAGTIME ARMY AND A RAGTIME WAR.

The Cunard liner *Lucania* and her 40 American World tourists left the Colony yesterday afternoon at precisely five o'clock. Local Americans will be relieved to hear that there is still a little Wrigley's Spearmint left in the town, but the curio dealers' stocks have been greatly depleted, and cigar dealers are able to look back with satisfaction on three days' very brisk business. Our visitors were "given the morning off to go shopping" as one of them expressively put it yesterday, and spent the day in looking round on their own. Their stay in Hongkong has undoubtedly been one of the most enjoyable they have had so far. As has been already been reported, the three movie magnates on board—Mr. Vignola and Mr. and Mrs. Ellis—have been on the look-out for good locations for future films. A *Daily Press* representative interviewed Mrs. Ellis—who is better known to the general public as May Allison—yesterday morning on the results of their efforts in Hongkong. This dainty little lady was too keenly enthused on the beauties of the place to come to the point, for some minutes, but she did so eventually, and wasted no more time on words but took our reporter into her cabin and showed a number of "still" photos of Repulse Bay, Fanling, Taipei, the Peak, and general views of the island which she hopes to work into films as yet unborn.

"Of course," she explained, "it is not our intention to make the plots fit the scenes, but rather to work the scenes into the plots if possible. My husband and I have quite a number of ideas to work upon which we regard as something out of the common rut, and if possible we shall make up our sets from these photos I am showing you. If necessary, we shall even come back here, and I must say that, for my own part, I should jump at the chance."

Mrs. Ellis further explained that this trip was something in the nature of a delayed honeymoon for her husband and herself, for it is the first time they have had a holiday together since their marriage a few months ago. They are now producing their own films and both are optimistic as to their prospects. The little star expressed herself as very disappointed with Japan and Shanghai. They are not nearly so beautiful as one is led to believe," she said, "and Hongkong is the only place which has really come up to expectations."

In the course of a general conversation afterwards our representative could not help smiling at the following sentence which passed her lips: "What sure does tickle me is the cheap cost of conveyance in Hongkong. Why one can ride for a mile in a ricksha for only half a dollar."

Mr. Ellis was one of the unofficial party to travel up to Canton with the intention of studying Chinese methods of waging warfare. He said that they were all very disappointed with what they saw. "Ragtime soldiers and a ragtime war" was his own comment.

CUSTOMS IN TIBET.

A TRAVELLER'S IMPRESSIONS.

Mr. George Knight, a member of the British Buddhist Mission to Tibet, interviewed by a representative of the Associated Press, at Darjeeling, said the Mission was well treated by Tibetan officials. They gave a public cinematographic exhibition at Gyantse to which fifteen people were invited but sixty turned up. He expressed his opinion that Mount Chimulhari was surrounded by a large number of lakes of ice. A wall ran along the base twenty to thirty feet high on the Chimulhari side. He believed hot springs and a large number of lakes existed. Some lakes had been discovered and photographed.

Mr. Knight said the inhabitants of Tibet were often unacquainted with the customs of those of the neighbouring villages and the inhabitants of Phari, in each village polyandry was practised and if females outnumbered males polygamy. The inhabitants of one village seldom visited the neighbouring villages. Smallpox was ever prevalent but it was strange that bronchial diseases seemed very scarce. The greatest scourge of Tibet was syphilis from which a large proportion of the people seemed to suffer. The Tibetans were good humoured, happy-go-lucky, fatalistic and hospitable, but poverty and lack of enterprise were to be found on all sides. Commercially Tibet offered practically nothing but wool and carpets but the country had a fascination in its possibilities for sport and geographical discoveries.

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The Moderator for the next General Assembly of the United Free Church of Scotland was nominated at a meeting at Edinburgh on November 21st, the unanimous choice falling on the Rev. Prof. David B. Cairns, of Aberdeen, a nephew of the late Principal Cairns, of Edinburgh.

SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

HONGKONG CHALLENGE SHIELD—FIRST ROUND.

Senior: Kick off, 4 p.m.—
H.M.S. *Tamar* v. H.M.S. *Haykins*, Navy "A" ground. Referee, Mr. Tyldesley.
Hongkong Club v. Kowloon, Sookunpoo "A" ground. Referee, Mr. Smith.
Junior: Kick off, 2.30 p.m.—
H.M.S. *Ambrose* v. H.M.S. *Titanic*, Navy "A" ground. Referee, Mr. Fairburn.
H.M.S. *Hawkins* v. United A.C., Navy "B" ground. Referee, Mr. Bertyman.

HONGKONG LEAGUE DIVISION I.

Kick off, 4 p.m.—
South China v. H.M.S. *Titanic*, South China ground. Referee, Mr. Williams.
H.M.S. *Ambrose* v. King's Regt., Navy "B" ground. Referee, Mr. Garton.
Hongkong Police v. R.G.A., St. Joseph's ground. Referee, Mr. Collins.

HONGKONG LEAGUE DIVISION II.

Kick off, 2.30 p.m.—
St. Joseph's v. H.M.S. *Marnion*, St. Joseph's ground. Referee, Mr. Spencer.
University v. R.G.A., Hongkong Club ground. Referee, Mr. Blumson.
South China "B" v. Kowloon, South China ground. Referee, Mr. Bunton.
King's Regt. v. Warders, Sookunpoo "A" ground. Referee, Mr. Lavender.

MIDWEEK RESULTS.

UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.

Division I.
King's Regt. 1 R.G.A. 0
H.M.S. *Hawkins* 4 H.M.S. *Titanic* 0
Division II.
H.M.S. *Hawkins* 3 R.G.A. 0

The first round of the Hongkong Challenge shield competition will be played to-day. The Club and Kowloon are drawn together for the opening round and the Club ground being required for the Rugby challenge cup match, the soccer match will be played at Sookunpoo. The Club have got together a strong side for the game and are leaving nothing to chance. Kowloon are out to make the Club go all the way and a well contested game should be seen with the Club winning.

The *Tamar* and *Hawkins* meet on Navy "A" ground and a fast game should be seen, the result being a draw.

In the junior competition which opens to-day the game between the United and *Hawkins* will be well contested. The sailors have the better record and the previous meeting between these teams ended in a win for the sailors by three goals to one. The sailors are expected to repeat their earlier success to-day.

The two submarine depot ships also meet in the shield and a drawn game is expected. The previous meeting between these teams ended in a win for the *Titanic* by a goal to nil.

In the senior league some good football should be seen. On the South China ground the locals receive the *Titanic* and a fast game is expected to end in a win for South China.

The match between the services on the Navy "B" ground should be well contested and on recent form the soldiers should win. Jones should be out again this week; he was badly injured in the league match against the *Carlisle* a fortnight ago. The *Ambrose* are playing up well and a win to-day would place them in the second position in the league.

The Police meet the R.G.A. for the first time this season and a fairly even game should be seen and with Swar in form. A draw should be the result.

In the junior games the St. Joseph's v. H.M.S. *Marathon* match have a direct bearing on the league and should the College team win they will strengthen their claim on league honours. South China "B" should draw against Kowloon.

The R.G.A. should beat the University on the Club ground and the King's should find the going easy at Sookunpoo against the Warders.

HONGKONG F.C. v. KOWLOON F.C.

The following have been selected to represent Kowloon at Sookunpoo to-day against Hongkong in the Shield and League competitions:—Woodman; Wheeler and Knight; Morrison, King and McKelvie; O'Brien, Hall, Scully, Duncan and A. Mason. Reserves: Pasco, Millard.

U.A.C. v. H.M.S. "HAWKINS"

The following will represent the United Athletic Club in above Second Division Shield Competition to-day on the Navy ground (kick-off at 2.30 p.m. sharp):—Beach; Jackson and Chilton; Urquhart, Mackenzie, and Leonard; Chubb, Payne, Brown, Derry and Botelho.

SOUTH CHINA v. KOWLOON.

In this 2nd division match at Happy Valley to-day, Kowloon will be represented by:—Young; Randle and Duncan; G. Hawkins; Ollier and Rasmussen; Hagd; Ferguson, Spary, Blagden and Muir. Reserves: Hooper, Johns.

COMPANY REPORTS.

HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LTD.

The twenty-first report of the board of directors states:—

The Directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Company, and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

The net profits for the year, after writing off all Directors' and Auditors' fees amount to \$939,124.78, which with \$654,478.78 brought forward from last account gives an amount available for distribution of \$1,613,603.57. It is now proposed to pay a dividend of 7 per cent. on the paid up capital, \$ 65,625.00. A bonus of \$110 per share, 1,375,000.00. And to carry forward the balance 179,978.57

\$1,613,603.57

Directors.—Messrs. A. S. Gubbay and S. S. Perry having resigned, Mr. Hector Sassoon and Mr. A. H. Compton were invited to fill the vacancies. These appointments now require confirmation. Mr. Hector Sassoon and Mr. A. H. Compton now retire by rotation and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith and C. Bernard Brown who now retire and are recommended for re-election.

HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

The ninth report of the board of directors states:—

The directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Company, and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

The net profits for the year amount to \$160,233.72, which with the amount brought forward from last year \$180,682.07 gives an amount available for division of \$341,100.79. From this amount an interim dividend of \$4 per share has already been paid.

It is now proposed to pay a final dividend of \$6 per share making a total dividend of \$10 per share and to carry forward the balance \$241,100.79 to the credit of a new profit and loss account.

Directors.—During the absence on leave of Mr. S. S. Perry, Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith was appointed to the Board. Mr. S. S. Perry having resigned, Mr. A. H. Compton has been invited to fill the vacancy. Both these appointments now require confirmation. Hon. Sir C. P. Chater now retires by rotation, and being eligible offers himself for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Percy Smith and C. Bernard Brown who now retire, and offer themselves for re-election.

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

The thirty-fourth report of the board of directors states:—

The Directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Company, and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

The net profits for the year, after writing off all Directors' and Auditors' fees amount to \$2,212,939.04 which with the amount brought forward from last year \$1,996,861.41 gives an amount available for division of \$4,199,700.49.

From this amount an interim dividend of \$4 per share (\$200,000) has already been paid leaving a balance of \$3,999,700.49 available for appropriation which it is proposed to deal with as follows:—

To pay a final dividend of

\$8 per share 300,000.00

To pay a bonus of \$3 per

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To pay a bonus to staff 8,000.00

To carry forward to a new

profit and loss account 3,291,700.49

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CRICKET.

K.C.C. 1st XI. v. INDIAN R.C.

In this match at Kowloon to-day, at 2.15 p.m., the home team will consist of: A. O. Brown, W. Fraser, W. B. Haslett, A. Leach, E. J. Edwards, F. G. Herdridge, W. L. Weaver, H. Overy, W. J. Skelton, W. J. Woolley and J. M. Jack.

K.C.C. 2nd XI. v. INDIAN R.C.

In this League match at Sookunpoo to-day, at 2.15 p.m., Kowloon will be represented by: J. P. Robinson (capt.), B. D. Evans, Capt. E. G. Spinks, G. A. V. Hall, S. J. H. H. Benson, B. L. Lindell, L. J. Blackburn, E. F. Spinks, S. E. Green and B. Petheram.

HOCKEY.

On Wednesday, the 17th January, at the U.S.R.C. the H.K.H.C. defeated the Navy after a very fine match by 5 goals to 4.

The following will represent the Club next Wednesday, the 24th inst., at Sookunpoo against the King's, fully off at 5 p.m.:—E. W. Hamilton, G. Murray, Rev. N. Evans, D. B. Pent, Rev. E. W. L. Martin, E. J. R. Mitchell, B. D. Evans (capt.), F. C. Miller, W. Woodward, F. H. Holdman, E. W. Major. Club will play in colours.

LABOUR SUPPORTS THE MUI TSAI BILL.

150 GUILDS ADVOCATE ABOLITION. YESTERDAY'S MEETING AT THE Y.M.C.A.

Delegates, representing no less than 154 Labour Guilds of Hongkong at a meeting held in the Y.M.C.A. yesterday, unanimously decided to support the Bill for the abolition of the mui tsai in the Colony, which is at present before the Legislative Council.

The meeting was largely attended and it is estimated there were at least 300 delegates present. An interested spectator of the proceedings was Mr. C. G. Anderson, English Secretary of the Anti-Mui Tsai Society. Mr. Anderson has returned from Shanghai specially to support the Anti-Mui Tsai movement at this juncture.

By a unanimous vote Mr. So Shui Chung, Chairman of the Chinese Seamen's Union, was elected to the chair. In introducing the subject he said:—The meeting had been called by the delegates of the various Labour Unions in the Colony to discuss the recent proposed legislation in connection with the mui tsai. They all knew that the lot of the mui tsai was a hard one. "If you employ a mui tsai," said the Chairman, "you can take care of it yourselves, but the mui tsai are not in the same position. These girls have no rights whatsoever, and are liable to be sold as concubines to old men or sold into prostitution, and they can find no redress for the grievances they suffer."

He went on to say that in order to alleviate the suffering of these girls the Anti-Mui Tsai Society was formed. After a great deal of hard work the Society had succeeded, in co-operation with the Protection Society, in drawing up a scheme of abolition which had been submitted to the Government and on the basis of this scheme a Bill had been framed and read a first time in the Legislative Council. He expressed the opinion that it was the duty of Labour to second the efforts of the people who were interested in the abolition of the mui tsai. They had requested a representative of the Anti-Mui Tsai Society to address the meeting as to the past history of the question.

The Anti-Mui Tsai Society was represented at the meeting by Dr. Yeung Shui Chuen, who gave a résumé of the work of the Society. Before doing so, however, Dr. Yeung said that he would like to congratulate the labour men on having called this meeting. It tended to show that labour unions in Hongkong were interested in questions other than that of strikes and increases of pay.

Dr. Yeung then dealt with the history of the movement from the time when Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., in a Court case in 1917, drew the attention of the public to the illegality of the mui tsai system in Hongkong.

The meeting was then opened for discussion and Mr. Wen Tsz Sz expressed the opinion that the mui tsai was in an immeasurably worse position than the ordinary labourer. It was only to be expected that small girls of eight or nine years of age could not do the work allotted to them. There was also, he said, a tendency on the part of their employers to punish them for any slight dereliction of duty. Generally speaking, people did not care to interfere with any ill-treatment that came to their notice, for, as the Chinese say: "let a man sweep the frost from his own door step, but let alone the frost that is on your neighbour's roof." The obligation of the employer to arrange for the marriage of the mui tsai was merely a moral obligation. It was a duty which was very often shirked, except perhaps, in the cases of the wealthier classes. There was no denying that the mui tsai system was a very old institution, but with the help of the British, they should endorse whatever steps were taken for its abolition. (Applause.)

Mr. LEUNG PING KWAN said that it was becoming that the labour unions should take up the subject because it was one which affected them. The recent Lai-joh meeting held at the Tung Wah Hospital had given an indication as to the views of Labour in general, which was in favour of the proposed legislation.

Mr. WU MAN KING thought the Chinese should have taken up this question long ago. The very fact that they had to depend on foreigners was very disgraceful, but it would be even more disgraceful if Labour failed to take the advantage which now offered of getting rid of a very evil practice.

Another delegate spoke in favour of the Bill, after which Mr. Tsai Mo-Far gave a very full explanation of its provisions.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

NAVAL DOCKYARD BALL. DELIGHTFUL FUNCTION AT THE CITY HALL.

The annual ball in connection with the Royal Naval Dockyard went off very successfully at the City Hall last night. There were about 180 guests, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The St. George's room was utilised for dancing purposes, whilst the St. Andrew's room was used for the supper room. The decorative scheme was simple but effective, and consisted mainly of Naval flags and Union Jacks draped the walls and pillars. The work was carried out by members of the crew of H.M.S. *Tamar*, and it was apparent that they had put their best into it. Music was supplied during the evening by the Waylors jazz band. Half way through the dancing an adjournment was made for supper, for which the catering was excellently done by Cafe Wiseman.

Much of the success of the evening was due to Mr. Luck, under whose supervision the decorative work was carried out, and also to Mr. H. W. Sandford, the general secretary, who has worked hard for some time past to ensure the success of the event.

A large number of the more important Dockyard officials were present including Commodore H. E. Grace, R.N., the Commander of the Yard, Commander H. E. Brooke, and Engineer-Captain Bromidge, Engineer-Lieutenant-Commander Hockin, Engineer-Commander Hockin, Mr. Collett (the Civil Secretary), Mr. Mules (Officer Commanding Works), Messrs. Stephens and Mitchell (Assistant O.C.W.'s) and Messrs. H. G. Lowe, Hearn, Swindells, A. J. Hobson, F. L. Mayer, and C. Perry.

The following formed the committee in charge of the arrangements:—

President, Commodore H. E. Grace, R.N.; Chairman, Mr. H. A. Nott, M.B.E., M.I.E.E.; M.C.'s, Mr. H. Budden, Mr. A. J. Brock; Hon. Sec., Mr. H. W. Sanford.

The dance programme was as follows:

- 1.—Waltz *Nuit d'Or*.
- 2.—Fox trot *Leave me with a smile*.
- 3.—One step *I never knew*.
- 4.—Tango Waltz *Blue bird*.
- 5.—Fox trot *Cool Black Mammy*.
- 6.—Lancers *Old English Song*.
- 7.—Fox trot *April showers*.
- 8.—One step *Sally*.
- 9.—Boston two step *Blaze away*.
- 10.—Fox trot *Humming*.
- 11.—Lancers *Old English Song*.
- 12.—Waltz *At the Shore*.
- 13.—Waltz *Lazy Mammy*.
- 14.—Fox trot *Apple land*.
- 15.—One step *Sund Dunes*.
- 16.—Maxims *Marina*.
- 17.—Lancers *Old English Song*.
- 18.—Waltz Imperial *Lovely Lucerne*.
- 19.—Boston two step *Return of the regiment*.
- 20.—Fox trot *In old Madrid*.
- 21.—Tango Waltz *Blue bird*.
- 22.—One step *Ching Chong*.
- 23.—Fox trot *Sheik*.
- 24.—One step *Strawberries*.
- 25.—Waltz *Mellochello*.

TER KING.

The discussion was afterwards resumed and a delegate pointed out that ten years ago there used to be a custom of drowning children. That had, they were thankful to say, long been abandoned. The present mui tsai system should also be abandoned. People who sold their own daughters were not human.

Mr. CHANG KAM CHAN expressed the opinion that the abolition of the mui tsai system meant the death blow to the common practice of kidnapping.

A Chinese lady teacher (Miss Wong Wai Chu) said that, owing to the weakness of the weaker sex, the system had become a permanent one. The owner of a mui tsai was generally a pampered woman, one who beat the girl on the slightest provocation. Confucius said "Do unto others as you would be done by." It was an inadvisable state of affairs to be dependent on others for the performance of any duty which one was capable of performing oneself, and this appeared to be a failing of the weaker sex, who used mui tsai for tasks which they could do themselves. If Chinese women wished to raise their status to the same plane as men they should not allow their children to be employed as mui tsai.

After further speeches in support of the measure, the CHAIRMAN, before calling for a vote on the resolution, said it had been stated that the rich do the poor a great service by buying their children, but this was not the truth, as all the speakers representing Labour had spoken against the system of buying and selling children. The most practical course, for them to adopt, he suggested, was to pass a resolution, generally approving the legislation, leaving the details to be drawn up by a select committee to be drawn from the two principal Unions. He suggested a resolution to the following effect:—

That this meeting endorses the Bill before the Legislative Council, but draws attention to the necessity for providing accommodation for the mui tsai that may require assistance.

The resolution was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

A committee was appointed for the purpose of considering and suggesting any amendments to the Bill that may seem desirable.

The meeting then concluded.

TAIKOO BALL. A GREAT SUCCESS.

The annual Taikoo Recreation Club ball was held at the Club last night, when over four hundred people, almost a record, spent a delightful evening. This year's arrangements were not as elaborate as last, but the decorative scheme was on much the same lines. The dancing floor was gaily festooned with evergreens and coloured bunting, whilst quaint Japanese lanterns shed a soft glow of light over the ballroom. Huge shaded electric lights hung from the ceiling, the many colours producing a delightful effect on the varied shades of the ladies' dresses. At one end of the room was a huge illuminated portrait of H.M. the King, draped round with the White Ensign and the Union Jack. At the other end was a portrait of Mr. Swire, the founder of the Dockyard. This photo was also illuminated. The supper room and card-rooms were in the lower portion of the building, as was the bar. A delightful supper menu was provided by Cafe Wiseman. The orchestra was provided by the same firm, and rendered excellent service.

Much of the success of the evening was due to Mr. Seath, for he had worked hard on the decorations for some time past and served as M.C.

A good many well-known local people were among the guests, including the following:—

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Edkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Greig, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Young, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kent, Mr. and Mrs. D. Templeton, Lt. Conway Hake, Dr. and Mrs. Black, Dr. and Mrs. McKenny, Dr. and Mrs. Forsyth, Dr. and Mrs. Urquhart, Dr. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Lang, Dr. and Mrs. Hearn, Miss Thessell, Miss Jean Macgregor, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Morrison, Mr. W. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lowe, Eng.-Capt. Garwood.

The committees in charge of the arrangements were as follows:—

Decorations: Messrs. J. Simpson (convener), Gray, T. Young and Grimshaw.

Supper: Messrs. McCubbin (convener), P. W. Ramsay, O'Brien and D. Morrison.

Bar and Card Room: Messrs. C. B. Matthews, Whyte, Russell, Weir and Jas. Sloan.

Door: Messrs. Russell, Drummond and Grimshaw.

Dance M.C.: Messrs. Seath, Hope, C. Young and Peoples.

Cloak Room: Messrs. Lillierup and Laing.

Chairman J. Russell, Hon. Treasurer C. B. Matthews, Hon. Secretary James J. Whyte.

The dance programme was as follows:

- 1.—Waltz *Isle of Sweetheart*.
- 2.—Fox Trot *Georgia*.
- 3.—Lancers *Gondoliers*.
- 4.—Fox Trot *Lo-Lu-La*.
- 5.—Waltz *Three o'clock in the Morning*.
- 6.—One Step *Sunshine*.
- 7.—Fox Trot *The Sheik*.
- 8.—Eightsome Reel *Diels among the Tailors*.
- 9.—Fox Trot *Mazie*.
- 10.—One Step *I got it, You'll get it*.
- 11.—Waltz *Dollida*.
- 12.—One Step *My Home Town*.
- 13.—Fox Trot *Song of India*.
- 14.—Caledonians *Kenmure on and Awa and Donald Dhu*.
- 15.—One Step *Why Dear*.
- 16.—Fox Trot *Yoo-Hoo*.
- 17.—Waltz *Rio Nights*.
- 18.—Lancers *Gondoliers*.
- 19.—Fox Trot *Stumbling*.
- 20.—One Step *Will you with Kindness*.
- 21.—Fox Trot *Smiling*.
- 22.—Waltz *Lovely Lucerne*.

Extra

1.—Fox Trot *Cool Black Mammy*.

2.—Waltz *Back to the Old Swimming Hole*.

BIG ARMED ROBBERY.

ROBBERS GET AWAY WITH \$2,600.

A sensational armed robbery took place at No. 210, Wing Lok Street, at 8.15 o'clock, yesterday morning. Five respectable-looking Chinese, dressed in long coats, entered the second floor which is occupied by the Wu On Firm of Califormia merchants. The foks were having their morning meal when the party entered. Two of the robbers stood on guard on the landing outside the office and the other three produced revolvers and herded the terrified Chinese into a cubicle, where they bound them with small pieces of wire, carried for the purpose, and gagged them with wine cups. Having secured them they commenced to search the office for valuables, which they collected in a heap ready for removal. Property to the value of \$2,600 is said to have been stolen.

The robbers, having completed their search, got safely away with the loot. Shortly after the robbers left the plight of the foks was discovered by a Chinese who visited the office on business. The police were called in and they have the affair under investigation. The only clue left behind by the robbers is a basket, which the robbers are said to have brought with them for the purpose of carrying away the spoil. They did not apparently require it, and so left it behind.

THE AMAZING OPIUM SEIZURE.

FURTHER DETAILS.

Further details are now to hand of the amazing opium seizure made by Sub-Inspector Bloor on the small island of Gap Sui Mun, on Wednesday afternoon. The opium was brought into the Government opium depot at a late hour on Thursday night where it was checked. The weight has been given at eight and a half tons and the value is something like five lakhs. Examination shows that the drug is similar to that made in Persia. It was contained in Hongkong flour bags, each bag containing a certain number of bricks of raw opium.

It is now learned that the Chinese, who were arrested, were not actually caught in the cavern but on a junk at anchor about 30 yards from the shore, and the mouth of the cave. Sub-Inspector Bloor approached the junk from a sampan, having taken great care that he and his detectives were closely concealed in the bottom of the sampan. They were covered with a tarpaulin. The sampan was allowed to come alongside. Directly the two boats came together the police threw aside the awning and sprang on to the junk with their revolvers drawn. On the junk they discovered two men and a woman. These are said to have been armed with loaded revolvers, to which were attached long lanyards for hanging the weapons round their bodies. Other revolvers and a good supply of ammunition were also discovered.

After securing the junk's crew, the police visited the island to search for the opium. They had difficulty in finding the entrance to the cavern so cleverly was it concealed. The entrance was very small—about two feet square; just large enough for a man to crawl through, and the mouth was closed by a number of rocks.

The passage extended for some thirty feet and judging by its formation it is thought to have been made by the smugglers. The cavern itself was a large roomy affair, about thirty feet square and it was in this space that the opium was concealed.

The seizure is, of course, the largest ever known in the history of the Colony. The next largest seizure is said to have taken place some years ago when Chief Revenue Officer Willden seized three and a half tons of the drug.

With reference to the statement made in our yesterday's issue, that the reward, which is usually about ten per cent. of the value of the opium seized, will be shared between the informer and the police inspector, we are officially informed that it is against all ideas of discipline in the force for rewards to be paid to the police for such services.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

REVENUE OFFICERS RESCUE AMAR FROM A ROBBER.

INCIDENT ON MORRISON HILL.

The story of an attempted highway robbery on Morrison Hill and how it was thwarted, by two European Revenue Officers, was told at the Magistracy yesterday morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, Revenue Officers A. E. Grimmett and Knight were proceeding to the Government quarters on Morrison Hill, on Thursday afternoon. At the foot of the hill they decided to take the short cut to their homes by proceeding along a goat track, which, near the top leads on to the main road just by the tennis courts. The path is concealed by trees and it is difficult to see any person walking along it until they emerge on to the road. In this case the Revenue Officers had just stepped on to the road, when from the other side of the road they heard cries of "cheung yuh!" (snatching things). They then saw a Chinese man holding a woman by the hand. R.O. Grimmett weighed up the situation at a glance and drawing his revolver rushed at the man. Fearing that he might be armed he pressed the weapon against his head and told him not to move. He was searched but no arms were found in his possession. In one of his hands he held gold finger rings worth found. These he had just taken from the fingers of the terrified woman. The police were telephoned for and the man was removed to No. 2 Police Station.

After hearing the opening of the case his Worship decided to amend the charge from that of larceny from the person to that of highway robbery. Evidence was taken and the man was committed to the Criminal Sessions for trial.

CANTON NEWS.

THE CITY QUIET.

News from Canton yesterday reported that the city was quiet and that business was again proceeding as usual. The Kowloon-Canton railway is to be reopened for through traffic to-day. The line has been reported clear of Chen's soldiers and engines and coaches held up at Sheklung by Chen's men have now been released and they have been moved back to the City in anticipation of to-day's resumption of traffic.

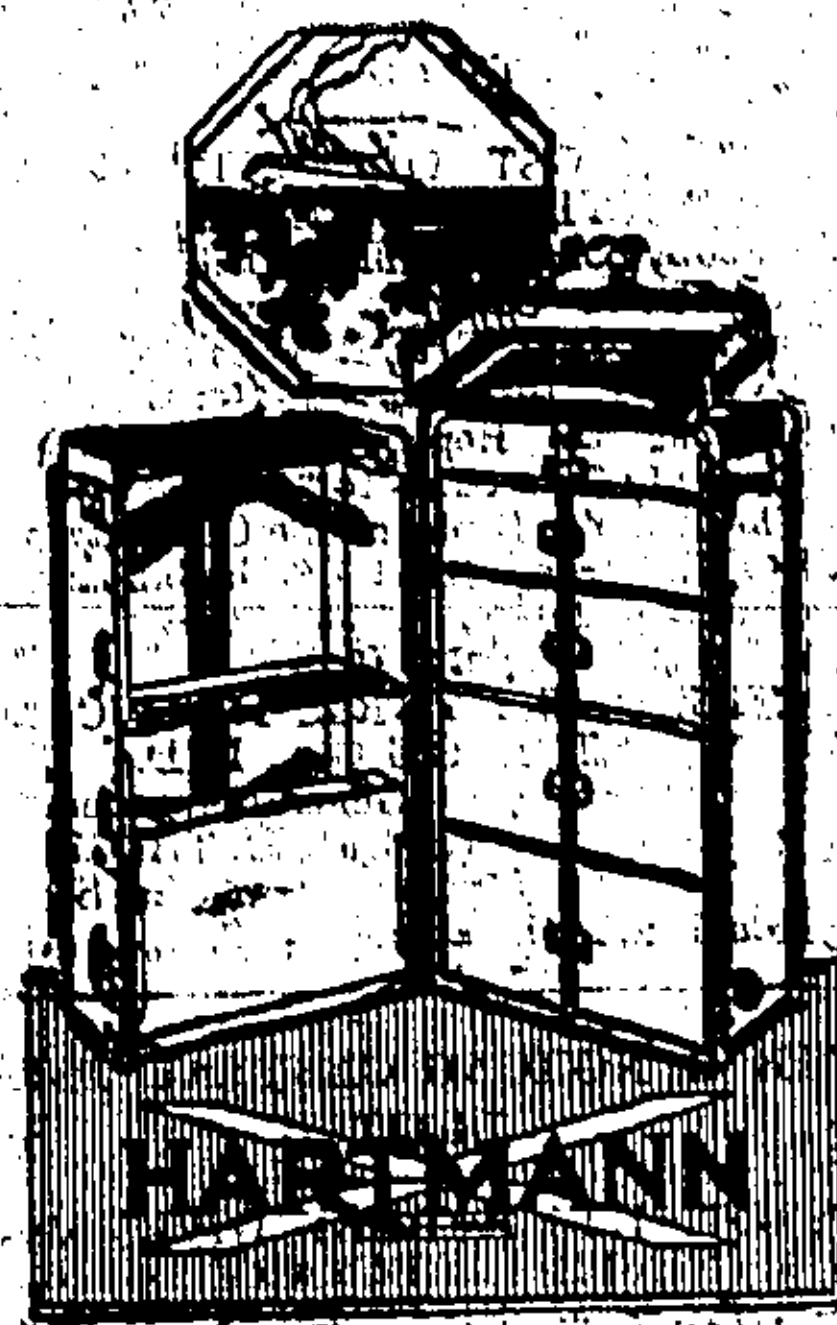
It is now learned that Chen's soldiers have looted a number of stations along the Chinese Section of the line—at least five of them. Station property has been so badly damaged that these five stations will remain closed for some days, pending repairs.

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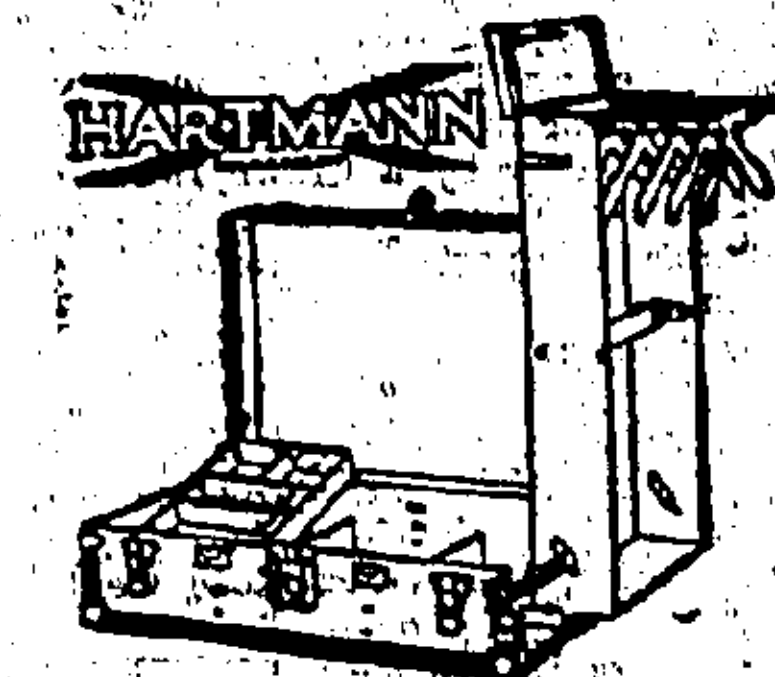
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 Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS,
 Auctioneers.
 Hongkong, 19th January, 1923. [251]

DANCING.

PALACE HOTEL,
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By kind permission of Capt. C. S. BENNING,
 R.N., D.S.O. The popular
JAZZ QUARTET
 of
 H.M.S. *Thetis*
 will play at the above hotel on SATURDAY,
 20th, dancing 9 P.M. [248]

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.
THE BURNS' ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

MEMBERS are reminded that the Bookings
 for the BURNS' ANNIVERSARY DINNER
 Close on MONDAY, 22ND INST.
 It is therefore desired that those who wish
 to be present should send in their names to the
 Undersigned on or before that date in order
 that arrangements may be facilitated.
 D. K. BLAIR,
 Hon. Secretary.
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HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

TOURNAMENT, SATURDAY,
27TH JANUARY, 1923.

THEATRE ROYAL,
 at 8.15 P.M.

MAIN EVENT.

15 ROUNDS CONTEST for the WELTERWEIGHT
 CHAMPIONSHIP of the COLONY and THE
 SCOTT-HARSTON BELT.
 Stoker P. O. MORGAN, v. A. B. DIXON,
 H.M.S. *Hawkins*, v. H.M.S. *Cicala*.

BOOKING at MOUTHERS:
 Members—January 24th.
 General Public—from January 25th.

USUAL PRICES. Doors OPEN 9 P.M.
 Next TOURNAMENT—Race-Saturday, March 3rd,
 at the
 THEATRE ROYAL. [250]

NATIONAL LOANS.

SUBSCRIBERS to the National Loans
 of the Third Year of the Republic (1914)
 and the Eleventh Year of the Republic (1922)
 ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Drawings
 for the redemption of the above Loans will be
 held this year as follows:—

1st December, 1922: 6th Drawing of the
 Third Year Loan (\$2,750,000); redemption
 begins 31st December.
 10th May, 1923: 1st Drawing of the Eleventh
 Year Loan (\$1,000,000); redemption begins
 31st May.

10th November, 1923: 2nd Drawing of the
 Eleventh Year Loan (\$1,000,000); redemption
 begins 30th November.

As the Sixth Redemption Instalment
 (\$4,632,740), due on the Fourth Year Loan,
 is the final one, no Drawing will take place;
 but redemption of the remaining undrawn
 Bonds will commence on 15th April.

The service of the above three Loans is con-
 ducted independently, and forms no part of
 the National Consolidated Loan Service.

F. A. AGLEN,
 Inspector General of Customs,
 Peking, 6th January, 1923. [241]

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NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG AND CANTON ICE
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL
 MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in
 the above Company will be held at the Com-
 pany's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road,
 Hongkong, on THURSDAY, 25th day of
 JANUARY, 1923, at noon for the purpose of
 presenting the Report of the Directors and
 Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1922.
 The Transfer Books of the Company will be
 CLOSED from 11th to 25th January, 1923,
 both days inclusive.

By Order,
THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD
STORAGE CO., LTD.,
 General Managers,
 (Sgd.) J. D. THOMSON,
 Hongkong, 8th January, 1923. [193]

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE
LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
 NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL
 MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this
 Company will be held at the Office of Messrs.
 JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Ltd., on FRIDAY,
 26th JANUARY, 1923, at 11.45 o'clock A.M.,
 for the purpose of receiving the Report of the
 Directors together with a Statement of Accounts
 for the year ending 31st December, 1922.
 The REGISTER of SHARES of the Com-
 pany will be CLOSED from Wednesday, 17th
 January, to Friday, 26th January, both days
 inclusive, during which period no transfer of
 Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
 Secretary
 to the General Managers.
 Hongkong, 6th January, 1923. [202]

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMA-
TION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
 TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY
 GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLD-
 ERS in this Company will be held at the Office of
 Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Ltd., on
 FRIDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1923, at 12 o'clock
 noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of
 the Directors together with a Statement of
 Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Com-
 pany will be CLOSED from Wednesday, 17th
 January, to Friday, 26th January, both days
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 Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, 8th January, 1923. [201]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
 THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GEN-
 ERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in
 this Company will be held at the Office of
 Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Ltd., on
 FRIDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1923, at 12.15
 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the
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The REGISTER of SHARES of the Com-
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 inclusive, during which period no transfer of
 shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, 11th January, 1923. [218]

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
 FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY
 MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be
 held at the Registered Office of the Company,
 No. 19, Des Vaux Road Central, at 3.30
 P.M., SATURDAY, the 3rd FEBRUARY,
 1923, for the purpose of receiving the Report of
 the Directors together with a Statement of
 Accounts for the year ending 31st December,
 1922.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
 will be CLOSED from Monday, 22nd January,
 to Saturday, 3rd February, 1923 (both days
 inclusive), during which period no transfer of
 shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TUNG PO,
 Chief Manager.
 Hongkong, 12th January, 1923. [223]

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO
STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED and THIR-
 D ORDINARY MEETING of SHARE-
 HOLDERS in the Company will be held at
 the Office of the Company, 4A, Des Vaux
 Road, on TUESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY,
 1923, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of
 receiving a Report of the Directors, together
 with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a
 Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.
 THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
 will be CLOSED from Monday, 29th January,
 to Tuesday, 13th February, both days inclusive,
 during which period no transfer of shares can
 be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, 13th January, 1923. [219]

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1923.

FEBRUARY 28th, MARCH 1st, 2nd & 3rd

ENTRIES for the forthcoming Races close
 on SATURDAY, 27th inst., at 3 p.m., and
 must be sent to the JOCKEY CLUB, Room 3A,
 Chester Road, on or before that date.
 Entry Forms are now ready and can be had
 at the JOCKEY CLUB STABLES, JOCKEY CLUB
 ROOM (Hongkong Club Annex, Chester Road),
 RACE COURSE, HONGKONG CLUB and LANSHED
 DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings.
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INTIMATIONS

G. R.
FOR SALE BY TENDER.

ON VIEW AT H.M. NAVAL YARD,
 WEL-HAI-WEI FROM 15th
 JANUARY, 1923.

(1) Single Screw STEAM TUG "HESPER,"
 Fitted as a Fire Boat Salvage and
 Water Tank Vessel. Length 115 feet,
 Displacement 400 tons, I.H.P. 300.
 (2) IRON COALING LIGHTER No. C452.
 Length 125 feet, Capacity 300 tons (two
 holds). Fitted with Captain, Derrick and
 Winch.

Forms of Tender giving full description of
 the above Craft may be obtained on application
 to the NAVAL STORE OFFICER, H.M. NAVAL
 YARD, Hongkong.
 Latest date for receipt of Tenders at
 Wel-hai-Wei, Noon, 10th February, 1923.
 (Signed) H. J. ADAMSON,
 Naval Store Officer,
 H.M. NAVAL YARD,
 WEL-HAI-WEI.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

WE the Members of the Undersigned
 Association, desire to express our
 Thanks to the Members of the Burnside
 Contractors' Commercial Association for their
 Increment of Wages and Baking Treatment.

We are also indebted to the Hon. SECRETARY
 FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS, The Hon. DIRECTOR OF
 PUBLIC WORKS, and Messrs. H. W. Bird and
 W. L. LEASE for their valuable assistance in
 bringing both parties to terms.

BUILDING CARPENTERS'
ASSOCIATION,
 136, Queen's Road East.
 Hongkong, January 16th, 1923. [231]

PARTICULARS

OF
VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY
 Situated
 No. 13, WING HING STREET,
 VICTORIA, HONGKONG,
 To be Sold by Order of the Mortgagee

By
PUBLIC AUCTION,
 IN ONE LOT
 On
TUESDAY,
 The 30th DAY of JAN., 1923, at 3 o'clock P.M.

Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS
 At Their Office, Duddell Street.

THE Property consists of First ALL
 THAT piece or parcel of ground situated
 at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong and
 registered in the Land Office as SECTION
 A of INLAND LOT No. 2165 together with
 the messuages erections or buildings thereon
 now known as No. 13, Wing Hing Street, and
 Secondly ALL THAT strip of land at the rear
 of the said Section A of Inland Lot No. 2165
 being a scavenging lane. All of which premises
 are held for the residue of the term of 75 years
 from the 15th day of May, 1916, created by the
 Crown Lease thereof together with the
 valuable machinery now situate in or upon the
 said premises and at No. 1 Gordon Street.
 Particulars and Conditions of sale may be
 obtained from

Messrs. HASTINGS & HASTINGS,
 Solicitors,
 8, Des Vaux Road Central,
 and
 Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS,
 Auctioneers.
 1297]

TO LET.

TWO OFFICE ROOMS, Top Floor, 6,
 Queen's Road Central.
 Apply
GANDE, PRICE & CO., LTD.
 200]

TO LET.

FURNISHED from April next, No. 144A,
 Barker Road, Peak, Eight Rooms. Also
 a Furnished Six-roomed House at Deep Water
 Bay near the Golf Links.
 Apply to
DENISON, RAM & GIBBS.
 199]

TO LET.

OFFICES IN UNION BUILDING—Four
 Rooms on Fifth Floor.
 Apply
UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY
OF CANTON, LTD.
 169]

TO LET.

FURNISHED for One Year or Eighteen
 Months, from 1st April, 1923.
 Apply
"BEEWICK LAY," No. 155, Peak, 5-roomed
 Bungalow with Tennis Court and Garden on
 Motor Road at Magazine Gap.
 Apply
LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
 Alexandra Buildings.
 170]

TO LET.
 FROM 1st June—Eight and Four Room
 HOUSES.
 Apply P. O. Box 259 [160]

THE CORONET.

GEORGE ARLESS

DISRAELI

KOWLOON THEATRE.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN

THE IDLE CLASS.

FLOWER OF THE

NORTH.

INTIMATION

JOHN DEWAR
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By Royal Appointment
 to His Majesty
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"WHITE LABEL"
FINEST
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ESTABLISHED 81 YEARS.

BIRTH.

BYME THOMSON.—On January 18th, at
 53, The Peak, to Mr. and Mrs. F.
 BYME THOMSON, a son. [252]

HONGKONG OFFICE: 104, Des Vaux Rd., C.
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 20TH, 1923.

"AS OTHERS SEE US."

It is always interesting and often very

amusing to read the impressions of

Hongkong formed by the transient

visitor, especially the American visitor

who guesses and calculates upon political

and commercial aspects. No doubt a

large number of the visitors who have

been "looking over" the Colony during

the past day or two will be accepted in

their home towns as trustworthy authori-

ties on subjects relating to every port

at which the *Laconia* calls on her world

tour. These thoughts are prompted by

two very lengthy articles we have just

observed in a batch of Manila papers

that have come to hand by the latest

mail. One concerns the planning of a

"Greater Hongkong" in relation to

"Chinese ambitions to have a rival port

at Whampoa"; and the other relates to

a story that "Germany is bidding for

Macao" and mentions the letting of a

contract for big harbour improvements at

Macao as something which has never been

published in the local newspapers,

"due very probably to the censorship of

the Colonial Authorities, who are most

jealous of the supremacy of Hongkong."

As a matter of fact the information was

given in the *Hongkong Daily Press*

months ago, when the contract was signed.

In the case of the article on Hong-

kong, we read that "interesting and

exclusive details of Great Britain's

latest moves in her commercial campaign

to capture for herself the major portion

of the trade of South and Central China

and to side-track Canton that is in pro-

cess of construction" have been furnished

by "an American officer lately returned
 from Southern China." We are told
 that "according to him there is building
 at Kowloon, on the mainland just across
 from the City of Victoria, Hongkong, a
 tremendous commercial center waiting
 only the completion of the Canton-Hankow
 Railway line to make it the foremost port
 of the Orient. And the successful conclu-

sion of negotiations for a series of loans
 totalling millions of dollars to be furnish-
 ed the present Chinese administration by
 a syndicate of British banks means, he
 believes, the first move towards the com-
 pletion of the Canton-Hankow Railway."
 It is really wonderful what some
 visitors can believe—and retail as gospel.
 If the visitor's inquiries had been
 directed by somebody with a little know-
 ledge and experience—even of American
 official statistics—he would know that the
 railway is not needed "to make Hong-

kong the foremost port in the Orient."
 It has long enjoyed not only that dis-
 tinction but the greater rank of being, if
 not actually the largest shipping port of
 the world, reckoned by the tonnage pass-
 ing through it, at least the second largest.
 The British loans to which reference is
 made in the paragraph we have quoted, as
 every dweller in Canton and Hongkong
 is well aware, had no reference whatever
 to the completion of the Canton-Hankow
 railway, and consequently the whole
 structure of surmise built upon this
 "belief" by the American visitor tumbles
 to the ground. As the full text of the
 loan agreements was published in the
 English-printed Canton paper which he
 says has now ceased to function because
 of its criticism of the loan (a statement
 entirely without foundation), there was
 no excuse for any conscientious inquirer
 giving currency to the cock-and-bull story
 with which readers in Manila have been
 regaled. Very likely "the opinion was
 expressed in Canton by many persons
 not favourable to the CHINESE regime that
 either the coal and mineral deposits of
 the province were the *quid pro quo* of
 the loan, or that Whampoa was to be
 surrendered to the British as security";
 but a supposition of this kind would
 strike any person acquainted with affairs
 as being utterly ridiculous. These loan
 negotiations had no official support what-

ever from the British authorities—quite
 the contrary in fact; and if the idea that
 "the surrender of the port of Whampoa or
 at least an agreement not to make any
 move toward improving Whampoa was
 back of the matter, still existed among
 the Cantonese and caused much appre-
 hension"—most people on the spot must
 plead ignorance of it. The hostility to
 the loan by the Cantonese opposed to
 CHINESE had no reference in fact to any
 such considerations. Great Britain does
 not covet Whampoa, and Hongkong has
 no apprehensions regarding its develop-
 ment as "a rival port" any more than
 it fears that the development of the port
 of Manila or Macao will adversely affect
 its future prosperity. The growth of
 Hongkong is natural, not forced, and the
 fact that "a tremendous port is in the
 making" at Kowloon is "due to no
 "planning" to attract trade, but rather
 to the necessity for accommodating the
 trade and population naturally flowing to
 "the largest seaport and commercial
 centre of the Orient."

The picture the visitor gives of Kow-
 loon is that "mile upon mile of land is
 being levelled and reclaimed, railway
 spurs are being run in all directions, huge
 warehouses are being erected and docks
 are in process of construction" and that
 "at the rate they are at present working,
 within five years a 'Greater Hongkong'
 will emerge—the largest seaport and com-
 mercial centre in the Orient, with Kowloon
 as its principal factor and Victoria only
 a side issue." True, great development
 work is going on in Kowloon, but
 Victoria is not likely to be relegated to
 the position of "a side issue" within
 the next five, or the next fifty years.

In regard to Macao we read that
 "exclusive details of a most important
 step in the German trade campaign to
 obtain commercial supremacy in the Far
 East through an unofficial alliance with
 Portugal, whereby Macao is to be made
 a port of call for German vessels and a
 considerable amount of trade thus divert-
 ed from Hongkong, have come to the
Times (Manila) through one of its corre-
 spondents who has been making a study
 of commercial activities in the Orient."
 The correspondent confesses at the end of
 a long article that the Portuguese authori-
 ties in Macao ridicule the assertion that
 Germany is looking forward to the time
 when Macao can be purchased, and point
 out that Portugal "would never give up
 willingly the revenues of Macao, even if
 Germany in her present impoverished
 condition should dream of such a

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]FRANCO-GERMAN SITUATION
GERMAN MISSION TO SEEK BRITISH INTERVENTION.

LONDON, January 18th.
The Times correspondent at Essen learns that a confidential German mission has departed from Berlin for England for the purpose of requesting British intervention in the Ruhr crisis.

WARNING TO GERMAN MINE MANAGERS.

PARIS, January 18th.
Reports from Essen state that the diversion of coal and coke consignments to France continued yesterday without incident. The Allied technical mission have despatched a formal requisition to the managers of the State mines, who have to commence carrying out the requisition to-day, otherwise they will be subjected to coercive measures.

PRESIDENT OF GERMAN STATE FINANCE DEPT. ARRESTED.

BERLIN, January 18th.
Advices received from Dusseldorf state that the French have arrested Dr. Schlusius, President of the State Finance Department, for refusing to hand over the records of his office to the French occupation officials.

EARLIER CABLES.

GERMANY CONSERVING FOOD SUPPLIES.

BERLIN, January 18th.
Draconic food control measures are being prepared by the Ministry of Food in anticipation of a shortage by the end of June. The consumption of milk in cafes and restaurants has been forbidden, and the use of butter in preparing food has been prohibited. The number of meat dishes in all restaurants will be restricted. Expensive restaurants where luxurious living has hitherto been rampant will be prosecuted. All restaurants will be closed at eleven in the evening, instead of one in the morning.

CUSTOMS AND COAL-TAX QUESTION.

ELSEN, January 18th.
An official announcement gives the French intention to seize the customs and coal tax and exploit the forests, and adds that orders will be effective forthwith in the newly occupied territory, while a customs cordon round the entire Ruhr district will be established by the end of the month.

French circles hope that Great Britain will participate in the customs supervisory measures at the bridgeheads.

BERLIN, January 18th.
With reference to the non-collection of the coal tax, mentioned on January 16th, it is officially stated that the Government has allowed the owners to defer payment during the past month owing to compelling reasons. The statement asserts that the September tax has since been collected and the October instalments will shortly be collected.

PARIS, January 18th.
A message from Mayence says that in addition to the seizure of coal and forests, a meeting of Allied High Commissioners drew up an ordinance relating to the seizure of pledges accruing and the customs receipts of the occupied territories. The British representative did not vote.

LONDON, January 18th.
Glasgow coal exporters are deluged by German orders, and all available January supplies have been for immediate shipment, resulting in a half crown increase in the price of certain qualities.

CHARGE AGAINST GERMAN INDUSTRIALISTS.

PARIS, January 18th.
A message from Dusseldorf states that six industrial magnates, including Herr Thyssen, junior, who attended Tuesday's meeting with the French Authorities, have been formally charged to-day with disobeying orders and will be court-martialed.

STORMY SCENE IN FRENCH CHAMBER.

PARIS, January 18th.
After a stormy sitting, in which the extreme Left and Right parties indulged in a free fight, the Chamber voted in favour of the withdrawal of the Communist member Cachin's immunity from prosecution.

EXCHANGE BUSINESS PURELY A GAMBLE.

LONDON, January 18th.
On the London exchange market German marks are utterly demoralised. International operations are at a standstill, and business is purely a gamble. Marks touched 120,000 and are now 105,000 to 110,000. French francs are at 70.75, and Belgian at 77.35. Sterling is rallying to 4.65.

BERLIN, January 18th.
The Reichsbank has raised its rate of discount from ten to twelve per cent. It is reported that the Reichsbank branch at Mayence has suspended operations, causing confusion in the district. It is understood that if the German Government is responsible for this, France will introduce a new currency for the zone.

LATEST CABLES.

DEBT FUNDING.

ANGLO-AMERICAN DIFFERENCES NARROWED DOWN.

LONDON, January 18th.

It is reported that the Anglo-American differences in regard to debt funding have been narrowed down to about £5,000,000 yearly, spread over sixty years. Great Britain is at present paying America interest at the rate of 5 per cent. America has proposed 3 per cent. for the first decade and thereafter 3½ per cent. with 1 per cent. sinking fund. Great Britain proposed 3 per cent. for the whole period, and 1 per cent. sinking fund.

According to the Westminster Gazette's political correspondent, Mr. Baldwin were given a free hand an arrangement would soon be reached, but some members of the British Cabinet think that better terms can be obtained.

COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING IN SIGHT.

WASHINGTON, January 18th.

It is announced that on the conclusion of the joint session of the British and American Debt Funding Commissioners, that negotiations will be conducted through the British Embassy, after Mr. Baldwin's return to London.

The American Commissioners declare that nothing should stand in the way of a complete understanding. They state there is reason to hope that an arrangement in principle will be reached in time for submission to the present session of Congress.

ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCEMENT
COLONIAL ALLOWANCES TO NAVAL OFFICERS.

LONDON, January 18th.

The Admiralty announces that colonial allowances to Naval officers will be made, subject to a special examination.

EARLIER CABLES.

SOVIET "INTELLECTUALS."
PROVE INCOMPETENT AS BUSINESS MEN.

HELSINKI, January 18th.
The Congress of Nationalised Industry at Moscow has requested the People's Commissars to remove the majority of the heads of the trade delegations abroad, on the ground of their neglecting opportunities for reopening trade.

DUTCH INDUSTRIES.
GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING PROTECTION MEASURES.

THE HAGUE, January 18th.

In response to pressure by industrial organisations the Government is considering measures to prohibit the import of certain foreign products and otherwise protect the Dutch industries threatened by the collapse of exchanges.

PACIFIC TREATY.
PROBABLE RATIFICATION BY FRANCE.

PARIS, January 18th.

The report of the sub-commission on the Washington treaties has been adopted by the Foreign Affairs Commission. It is understood that it recommends ratification of the treaty dealing with the Pacific.

RUBBER SHARES.
DUNLOP COMPANY'S NEW ISSUE QUICKLY ABSORBED.

LONDON, January 18th.

The Dunlop Tyre and Rubber Corporation of America's issue of a million sterling seven per cent. bonds was quickly subscribed, and the list has closed.

PRESIDENT HARDING.

SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT REPORTED.

WASHINGTON, January 18th.

President Harding shows slight improvement.

M.C.C. IN SOUTH AFRICA.
A DISASTROUS START AND A SPLENDID FINISH.

DURBAN, January 18th.

The weather was overcast before lunch, but later it was sunny. The wicket was fairly fast. Nine thousand persons attended. There was a disastrous start, two wickets falling for two runs, neither Sandham nor Woolley scoring. Then a stand by Russell and Mead for the third wicket yielded 61. In partnership at the fifth wicket with Fender, Mead added 154. At the close the score was 236 for 5. Fender having contributed 60, and Mead, who had played most steadily, being 123 not out.

ITALIAN RADIO TELEGRAMS.

[BY COURTESY.]

ROME, January 18th.

Premier Mussolini is of opinion that Germany should fulfil the most important engagements undertaken towards the other Powers by signing the Versailles Treaty. Italy will not participate in the military occupation of the Ruhr basin, but will give her moral support to France and appoint some Italian engineers to supervise the mine works in the Ruhr after the occupation.

TRIESTE, January 18th.

The steamer *Marta Washington* of the "Lloyd Oseulich," which had been seized by America during the war as enemy property, arrived to-day in this port, having been released to Italy in view of the present Italian nationality of the above-named Lloyd.

PALERMO, January 18th.

King Constantine of Greece died at 10.30 this morning. It is officially stated that the cause of his death was due to heart failure, but popular report ascribes his sudden end to broken heart at being, for the second time, banished from his Kingdom, and at disasters which have overtaken his people. Constantine was not in good health when he came to Italy. Shortly after settling down in Palermo he went for a cure to Salsomaggiore, one of Italy's most famous watering places, where he remained several weeks. The cure appeared to do him good and he returned to Palermo much stronger. Here he led a very retired and sheltered life. He lived in an apartment at Hotel Villa Igles, which he only left for short daily walks varied occasionally by a visit to some prominent family in the city. It was apparent, however, that he was not well. He walked slowly and only for short distances.

ROME, January 18th.

Only his consort Queen Sofia, his daughter, Helen, Crown Princess of Roumania, Princess Irene and the nine-year-old Princess Catherine were in Palermo with King Constantine died. All other members of his family came when news of serious condition was communicated to them. Their tender care and the science of the physicians were of no avail, for the ex-King breathed his last at 10.30, practically without having regained consciousness.

When the half-masted flag outside Hotel Villa Igles had acquainted Palermo that Constantine died, the population, which felt a strong sympathy for the invalid ex-King living in their midst, gathered in large numbers outside his shuttered windows to pay their last homage. The physicians certified that death was the result of cerebral hemorrhage. The body will probably be shipped to Naples and buried in the Greek Church.

LOST MARKETS.

WHERE TO LOOK FOR RECOVERY.

Following are extracts from the speech of Mr. Adam Stewart, president of the Manchester Guardian Society for the Protection of Trade, at the annual meeting. Owing to the unprecedented trade depression of the last two years a much heavier demand had been made on the Society's Status Inquiries Department; 40,815 written reports were called for during the last year, as compared with 35,744 in the preceding year; and in addition, there were between 7,000 and 8,000 verbal answers to personal inquiries. Figures showed that working expenses of traders had risen, turnover and profits had been greatly reduced, and money generally was very tight. The magnitude of the failures which had come within the scope of the Society surpassed that of any previous year. Cases where the liabilities exceeded £10,000 had been common, and there was a good number of failures in each of which liabilities exceeded £100,000. This experience seemed to have been general throughout the country. In 1921 the bankruptcy and liquidation cases numbered 4,840, with liabilities of nearly 23 millions sterling, and in 46 of the bankruptcies the aggregate liabilities amounted to £8,901,000, giving an average per case of over £190,000. In the two years before the war the total amounts involved were respectively a little over eight millions odd and seven millions odd. Whilst the liabilities of many years' failure of 1921 exceeded those of any year since the Bankruptcy Act of 1883 came into operation, the year 1923 would probably disclose an even more serious state of affairs. There was no solution for the unemployment problem, as it existed to-day, of a purely domestic character. The remedies, like the causes, lay to an overwhelming extent outside these islands. Not only the prosperity of the country but also its domestic peace depended on the rehabilitation of its commerce and industry. There was no sense in regarding economic conditions as of minor importance as compared with political issues. To this country the failure of overseas commerce meant the decay of industries and an actual shortage of food for the people; and it would have to be brought home to the new Government that what this country wanted were orders. The crux of the problem for our Government to inquire into was the reason why the orders we used to count upon were being held up. The ruined areas in Europe were lost to us possibly for years to come, and it was simply deplorable that the seemingly futile handling of the reparations problem had enabled Germany to escape successfully all over the world with Great Britain. Other reasons for existing unsatisfactory conditions, besides that of the temporary advantage which some competing countries had in depreciated currency, could be found in the increased wages movement unnecessarily initiated by the Ministry of Munitions during the war, the pernicious system of doling out the failure to secure a settled peace, crushing taxation, and the present extravagant cost of administration.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SIR JOHN JORDAN INTERVIEWED.

HOPES OF REDUCTION IN OPIUM PRODUCTION.

LONDON, December 18th.

Sir John Jordan, interviewed on his return from attending the meetings of the League of Nations Opium Commission at Geneva, said that the chief subject discussed was the advisability of a boycott of opium produced by Persia and Turkey if those countries still refused to conform to the Hague Opium Convention. Sir John added that great diversity of opinion was expressed. Some thought such action would only result in the increase of opium production in India, and extensive smuggling from Turkey and Persia.

The representative of India suggested that opium should be sold at a fixed price, to prevent a great rise, which would make smuggling profitable. The consideration of the matter, finally, was postponed, but Turkey subsequently intimated her intention of entering the League, which would involve signing the Convention, while Persia also intimated her intention to withdraw the reservations she had hitherto made. Sir John Jordan's view was that, when Turkey, Persia and India come in together, it should be possible materially to reduce the world production of opium. There really had been no evidence of reduction since the Hague Convention, although there had been local improvements. After referring to the very bad and marked recrudescence of opium production in China, Sir John Jordan expressed disappointment that, although British, American and Chinese delegates strongly pressed for the holding of at least one public meeting of the Commission on this subject, the proposal was rejected.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION OF POPPY CULTIVATION.

LONDON, January 18th.

The Chinese Charge d'Affairs, Chao Hsin Chu, who has just returned from Geneva, states that he told the League of Nations Opium Commission that the Chinese Government had appointed Commissioners to investigate poppy cultivation in association with representatives of the International Anti-Opium Association, during the coming season, in accordance with the resolution passed at the third assembly of the League. Morphia smuggling into China would be checked as strictly as possible. He thought one-third of the present total production of opium quite sufficient for legitimate uses of the whole world. Mr. Chao Hsin Chu questioned why opium-smoking was still permitted in Foreign Concessions of the Far East.

CHINA STATION NAVAL ORDERS.

H.M.S. "CARLISLE" TO RETURN.

LONDON, January 18th.

Orders have been issued to the light cruiser *Carlisle* to pay off and recommission at Bombay early in February with a Portsmouth crew, for further service on the China Station. The relief crew is being sent out.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS.

NEW TUCHUN FOR FUKIEN.

PEKING, January 18th.

It is unofficially stated that a mandate is about to be issued dismissing Lo Hou Chi, and appointing Sah Chen Ping, Tuchun of Fukien, with General Wang Yung Chuan as assistant director of military affairs.

SHANGHAI COURT TREASURER ARRESTED.

CHIEF OF COURT DISAPPEARS, \$40,000 MISSING.

SHANGHAI, January 18th.

The local District Court has discovered \$40,000 to be missing, following the disappearance of Mei Yi Kuo, the Chief of the Court, last week. The Court Treasurer has been arrested and a warrant is being issued for Mei's arrest.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

CHINA "MINES THAT WERE VALUELESS."

GENERAL SENT TO CHINA TO REPORT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Three men accused of "conspiracy together and with others to cheat and deceive persons who could be induced to invest money in the Humphrey and Denman Company," were brought up on remand on December 11th, at Westminster Police Court. They were William Henry Bennett, aged fifty, merchant, of Crawford-street, Marylebone; Edwin Alexander Enever, aged fifty, engineer, of Knightsbridge; and Leslie Ernest Haynes, aged twenty-four, secretary, of Bedford-square.

Mr. Eustace Fulton, who appeared for the Director of Public Prosecutions, stated that a number of advertisements appeared in newspapers inviting people to take up positions of trust in the Far East and invest from £3,000 to £5,000.

Lieut.-General Sir Charles Kavanagh answered the advertisement. He afterwards saw Enever, who stated that the company held valuable rights in China over mines, and that they wanted someone to go out and verify the title.

Enever tried to induce General Kavanagh to invest £3,000, but, failing to do so, he agreed to send the general to China and allow him £500 for expenses.

Enever gave the general £250, the first half of his expenses, and the general gave a cheque for £250 for a number of shares. General Kavanagh went to China, and shortly afterwards a prospectus was issued with his name at the head of the list of directors.

Messrs. Humphrey and Denman dealt in a number of subsidiary concerns supposed to be interested in mines in China, including the Heng Chow Company, which was registered in 1920 as a private company with a capital of £50,000. An agreement was entered into with a Mr. Grant, a mining engineer, by which the company purchased certain rights and interests represented by fully-paid shares to the value of £86 6s.

Humphrey and Denman were registered in 1918, but apparently did nothing. Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Denman were the sole directors and shareholders, but at the end of 1921 their places were taken by Mr. Enever and Mr. Carliss. The Humphrey and Denman Company later agreed to take from the Heng Chow Company for a payment of £5,000, fifty of their "A" shares.

The Humphrey and Denman Company also entered into an agreement on January 8th, 1922, with a so-called banking company, Allan and Co., which had offices at the same address as Humphrey and Denman, 77, Knightsbridge. It was never a banking company, but the agreement was that the company should find £20,000 for Humphrey and Denman.

INVESTED £200.

Colonel McTaggart went to the office at Knightsbridge. He saw Haynes, who said he was the secretary of the company. Colonel McTaggart was disinclined to invest, but afterwards was so impressed by Enever that he invested £200. He also went out to China.

Mr. Fulton stated that reports were sent home from China by General Kavanagh and Colonel McTaggart to the effect that the properties of the company in China were of no value, but people were attracted by advertisements in newspapers, and invested money. This was paid into the account of Humphrey and Denman. It passed in large quantities into the bank of Allan and Co., but something like £700 was drawn by Enever and £130 by Haynes. Between January and May Bennett took out £1,053, Enever £2,893, and Haynes £200.

The case was adjourned. Bail was allowed in each case in two sureties of £500 or one of £1,000.

Lieut.-General Sir Charles Kavanagh, K.C.B., commanded the 10th Hussars in 1904, and in 1917 and 1918 led the British Cavalry Corps in France.

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FRENCH GOING TOO FAR.

SENSATION IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES AT ROME.

PEKING, January 18th.

An Italian wireless message from Rome, dated January 17th, says that the Notes exchanged yesterday between Premier Mussolini and Premier Poincare have created a sensation in diplomatic circles at Rome.

Premier Mussolini says that he considers that the French are going too far, and that they are endangering European peace.

Premier Mussolini recommends limiting military action, which should be confined to the protection of the Economic Commission.

The news reaching Rome from Belgrade and other sources to-day accentuates the fact that war clouds are brooding over the Balkans, and the situation is described as electric.

One wrong move on the part of a Balkan State may fire the whole peninsula.

Hungary and Bulgaria are represented as the trouble-makers, but the little Powers may take advantage of the tension to settle their own scores. Hungary, Roumania and Jugo-Slavia are reported to be mobilising. (Italian Wire.)

SCOTTISH SPORT.

EAST BEATS WEST IN RUGGER.

DUNDEE DRUBBED AT HOME.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, December 8th.

The annual encounter between the Rugby fifteen of Edinburgh and Glasgow resulted, as no one altogether unexpected, in a win by 17 points to 8 for the Eastern team. Indications gained from matches between Edinburgh and Glasgow clubs—most of which have been won by the Edinburgh clubs—pointed to some such result.

The most prominent of the Edinburgh backs was E. H. Liddell, who by his two scores, and particularly by one dodging run when he gave the "dummy" to more than one of the Glasgow team, he showed that he is not merely a sprinter, as some have said, but a footballer who knows how to use his speed. MacLaren, his centre, gave him every chance, and there two formed the most successful wing on the field. By comparison the Glasgow three were slow.

Selby and Nelson had a keen struggle for superiority at the base of the scrum. Nelson was at his best in the early part of the game, but his passing out, later, seemed to lack direction. In the respect Selby was no sure thing either, and he showed an unfortunate penchant for getting offside. He worked the "blind" side, however, to perfection, and his score showed the Glasgow defence in rather a poor light.

Some good forward play was exhibited by both backs, with Glasgow generally superior. In the opening half-hour Glasgow got the ball with greater frequency, but about the middle of the game Edinburgh got it often enough to let their backs run on three scores.

D. Drysdale and J. Gray were both fine full backs.

Glasgow: 8; Edinburgh: 17. Edinburgh: 0; Edinburgh University: 0. Edinburgh Wanderers: 10; Selkirk: 24. North: 6; Watsonians: 23. Hawick: 6; Melrose: 3. Jedforest: 3; Gala: 12. Kelso: 18; Langholm: 0. Edin. Academy: 6; Merchiston: 9. Glenasmole: 5; Watson's: 18.

SCOTLAND v. THE WEST.

At the close of the Inter-city, the following were chosen for the Trial game at Hawick:—

Scotland.

Back—H. H. Forsyth (Blackheath). Three-Quarters—E. H. Liddell (Edinburgh University), A. L. Gracie (Hawick), E. McLaren (Royal High School F.P.'s), and W. M. Simmers (Glasgow Academicals). Half-Backs—W. E. Bryce (Selkirk) and A. Macquinn (Waterloo). Forwards—J. S. Lawrie (Melrose), D. S. Davies (Hawick), W. G. Dobson (Heriot's), A. K. Stevenson (Glasgow Academicals), J. C. R. Buchanan (Stewart's College F.P.'s), L. M. Stuart (Glasgow High School F.P.'s), G. C. Kerr (Watsonians), and Neil Macpherson (Newport).

The West.

Back—D. Drysdale (Heriot's). Three-Quarters—J. H. Carmichael (Watsonians), Gow Brown (Heriot's), H. Waddell (Glasgow Academicals), and D. Macgregor (Aberdeen Grammar School). Half-Backs—J. A. R. Selby and J. T. Smith (Watsonians). Forwards—D. M. Bertram (Watsonians), J. M. Bannerman (Glasgow High School F.P.'s), R. S. Simpson (Glasgow Academicals), R. A. Spark (Nottingham), Ian Spark (Aberdeen), A. E. Orr Ewing (United Services), W. J. Rennie (London Scottish), and R. Howie (Kirkcaldy).

No Oxford or Cambridge men were available owing to the Inter-University match, and that no doubt accounts for the absence of G.P.S. Macpherson and D. J. McEldon, and perhaps others. A noteworthy exclusion is that of A. Maynes, and it is interesting to note the inclusion of Gow Brown. A. L. Gracie is picked, does this mean that he will be available for the Internationals? And it is interesting to note the reappearance of Macpherson of Newport.

SOCCER SURPRISE AT DUNDEE.

The big sensation of the week in Scottish League circles was the defeat of Dundee at home by Raith Rovers, a club which they beat in October in Kirkcaldy by 3 to 0. The result was astounding, and can only be explained as a lapse of form on the part of the League leaders. Dundee had their usual eleven, and played with a degree of confidence at the start that later gave way to nervousness when their opponents scored a couple of goals. It was even then thought that the League would succeed in retrieving the situation, but of this they proved quite incapable. Raith Rovers, playing with power and confidence, and finally breaking down Dundee's defence, which had been in the first half, to yield two goals. It was an unfortunate day and result for the leaders, but the reversal of form was too extreme to be convincing. Rangers' experience against Airdrieonians provided another instance of the unreliability of football form. The defence of the Airdrieonians' team is demonstrably superior to that of St. Mirren, yet Rangers scored four goals against the Lanarkshire team, whereas the previous week St. Mirren successfully withstood the attack of the identical Rangers' vanguard. Heart of Midlothian maintained their high position by a fine display on the part of their forwards against Partick Thistle. The champions, Celtic, made progress by defeating Albion Rovers at Coakbridge.

Aberdeen 2, Alloa 0. Albion Rovers 2, Celtic 3. Ayr United 3, St. Mirren 1. Clyde 1, Raith Rovers 4. Dundee 1, Motherwell 0. Falkirk 1, Morton 1. Hamilton Accs. 1, Partick Thistle 6. Hearts 1, Airdrieonians 1. Rangers 1, Kilmarock 2. Third Lanark 1.

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HAPPY SERVICE.

A book bearing the title "A Lady's Maid in Downing Street," has recently been published by Unwin's. A review in *The Observer* says of it:—

The ideal of doing one's duty in the station to which Providence has called one is doubtless, in these days, a trifle dimmed, but as a recipe for human happiness it will stand comparison with some of its suppliants. The diary of this simple-minded German maid of Mrs. Gladstone's breathes all the tranquillity of those whose heart is fixed. "A most clever, quick, wonderful-charactered woman," her mistress called her, but the qualities that are most clearly to be read here are those of devoutness and devotion. She is an enthusiastic over the sermons she hears as over the concerts she attends, and after church there is occasionally an entry of self-reproof—"I thought too much about my new bonnet." Meeting a Scotch minister in the train, "for two hours and a half I enjoyed the most delightful religious conversation."

It is a happy service that she renders to a kind and appreciative household. Mr. Gladstone rides outside in the rain from Chester to Hawarden that the lady's maid may be dry. The sons of the house give her sovereigns at Christmas, and "strongly advise me to go on the loose" which she did, according to Sir Basil Thomson, by visiting the Alexandra Palace and spending an evening with the Young Women's Christian Association. When the German Crown Prince came, the thoughtful Mrs. Gladstone "made him speak to me," which he did quite like any other being. She was taken to the House of Commons and found it very interesting "to see the gentlemen bob up and down." A return from New recalls a familiar note of Victorian London:—

The fun to hear the drivers of all the buses call out was ripping, and I began to join in it so to get our bus filled with passengers, and, do you know, I managed to make three gentlemen mount our bus; they were lucky very nice, and a most pleasant conversation took place between us.

Her politics are naturally simple when they intrude at all. "Times are very critical just now; the papers threaten to turn the Government out daily, also dynamite is put about in various parts of London." "We have been defeated in Parliament, so had to pack up and move on here to Richmond-terrace." "Our dear Veteran Champion" has had to bear the most unjust accusations from an unprincipled Irishman "last week." But political adversity was nothing to the shock of finding her dear young mistress engaging herself to a curate. None appreciated the clergy, more in their right place, but—When I saw Mr. Drew, I felt like a tigress wishing to throw herself upon the enemy. On Monday my own lady made me go to Mr. Drew, who wished to see me, but all my answers were a fire of reproaches broken by big sobs, which made him feel very wretched." Returned to Germany for a quarter of a century, she sent her death-bed message in the midst of the Great War to tell her "beloved lady" once more "how you have cheered and brightened my life." The service which can join with itself so many of the beauties of existence has rarely been expounded with greater power than in the naïvetés of this German exile.

A GOOD WORD FOR THE
CIGARETTE.There are various methods of dealing with small boys who have been detected in the high crime and misdemeanour of aping their elders by smoking cigarettes. One time-honoured way is to appeal to the athlete's instincts of the offender by pointing out that he will "spoil his wind." This method had better be employed with care after the interesting disclosures made by Captain Finch, of the Mount Everest Expedition. It would seem that the wind-spilling theory needs some qualification; if you happen to be climbing a very big mountain in a highly rarefied atmosphere, the smoking of a cigarette does not detract from but positively improves the efficiency of your overtaxed breathing apparatus. At 25,600 feet above sea level the mountaineers, breathing with the greatest difficulty, found that inhaling cigarette smoke brought them much relief; so that when one reaches those magnificent but embarrassing altitudes "Gaspers for the gasping" apparently becomes a legitimate plank in the adventurer's platform. The discovery is interesting from a good many points of view. For one thing, it goes to show that the most inveterate cigarette smoker in this country has, after all, never known what it was really to enjoy a cigarette; the best solace that he has drawn from deep breath of his beloved wood has evidently been nothing compared with the physical satisfaction that was granted to the Everest adventurers. He merely grabbed an artificially acquired craving; they aimlessly satisfied a vital human need, and very much in the same way, it must be presumed, that the sufferer from asthma gains relief from the paroxysms of that complaint by inhaling the smoke of his cigarette of stramonium leaves. The exact reason for the relief of the mountaineers seems obscure. At their altitude the air must be lacking in some other normally discovered constituents besides oxygen, and Professor Haldane said that it was possibly the carbon monoxide in the cigarette smoke which relieved the climbers; at such a great height a little carbon monoxide might have the effect of "bucking up" the human apparatus. Something may also have been owed to the naturally soothing and steady effect of tobacco on those who have become addicted to it. However, there seems no immediate need for that body which one believes is known as the Anti-Narcotic and Tobacco League to wind itself up. If we are to wait until we get 25,600 feet above sea level before a cigarette becomes a biological necessity, most of us will have to content ourselves with one of the older and more debatable excuses for our criticized indulgence.—*Manchester Guardian*SHOULD CHILDREN BE
GRATEFUL?HYPOCRISY "THE CARDINAL
SIN OF PARENTS."In producing a child (says Mr. Arnold Bennett in the *Strand Magazine*) the parents are acting in accord with the promptings of nature; they are workers in the illimitable field of evolution; they are helping to carry out the vast designs of destiny. But this fact does not consciously influence their proceedings. They do not talk to each other about evolution, mother-nature, or the designs of destiny, and then add: "Therefore we must bring a child into the world." They introduce the child to a planet of rather doubtful felicity simply because they think it will be nice, proper, agreeable, interesting, thrilling for them to have a child in the house. They think of themselves primarily. They will even go so far as to say: "Old age without children would be awful." They do not regard the enterprise primarily from the point of view of the child. Many of them do not regard it from the point of view of the child at all. Their own satisfactions are always the first consideration, and often the sole consideration.

And yet, before the child is seven years old, the parents will in all probability be remarking to the child: "Look at all we are doing for you; we give you pretty clothes and nice food and think about your welfare day and night. You ought really to be very grateful to us. Instead of that you are naughty; you are a thankless child." The least you could do would be to show your gratitude to us by behaving well."

This attitude, I regret to have to assert, is hypocritical nonsense, and the child, if not a fool, feels that it is hypocritical nonsense and resents it as such. The child resents and despises nothing more keenly than hypocrisy, and hypocrisy is the cardinal sin of parents. Children, with all their fancy and make-believe, are ruthless and terrible realists in matters which seem important to them. Unfortunately, but not to be seriously disputed.

The baby owes nothing at all to his parents. He has no responsibilities, no duties. The parents owe everything to the baby. Their responsibility to him is complete, their duties are endless. They are most solemnly bound to use every effort to keep him in good health and happy, to build up his constitution, to fit him for the world, and to launch him upon the world. In time their responsibility lessens, but it never disappears. Whatever happens, it cannot end. If the child, grown into a man, gets ten years' imprisonment for a vile crime, they are bound to meet him at the prison gates on his release. They made him. He is theirs, the product of their largely selfish desire to live fully. Unless they know themselves to be unfitted to be parents they were quite right to have the child, but the price due for the privilege of parenthood is exceedingly high, and if they do not realise how high it is, that was their own fault; they cannot decently avoid payment.

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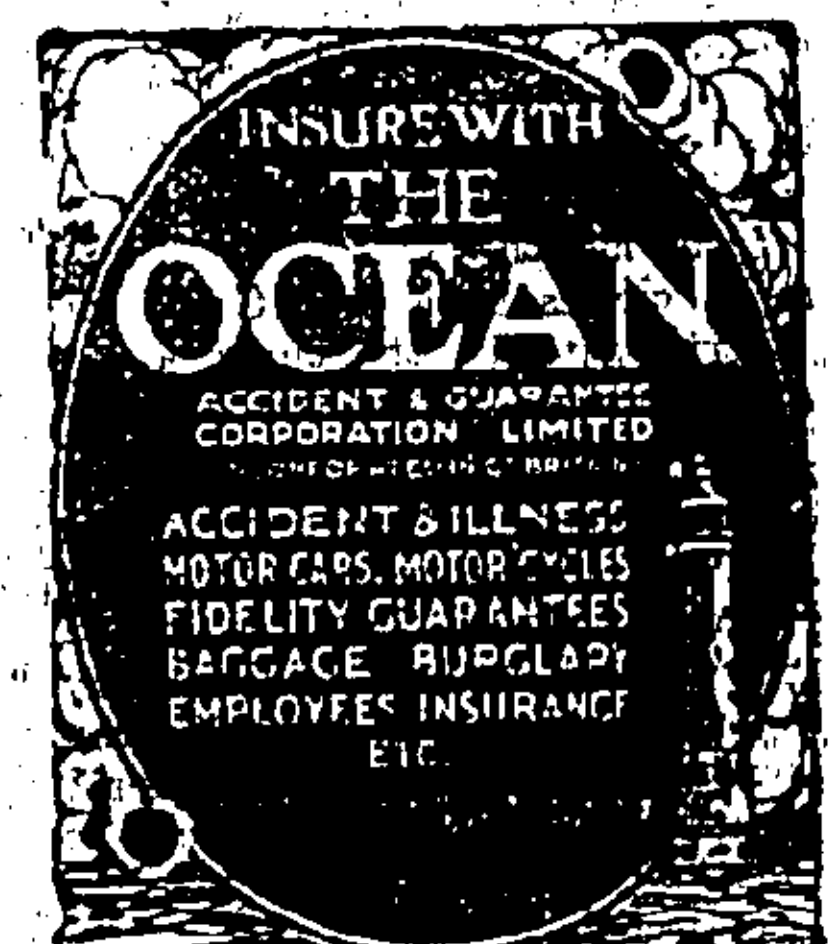
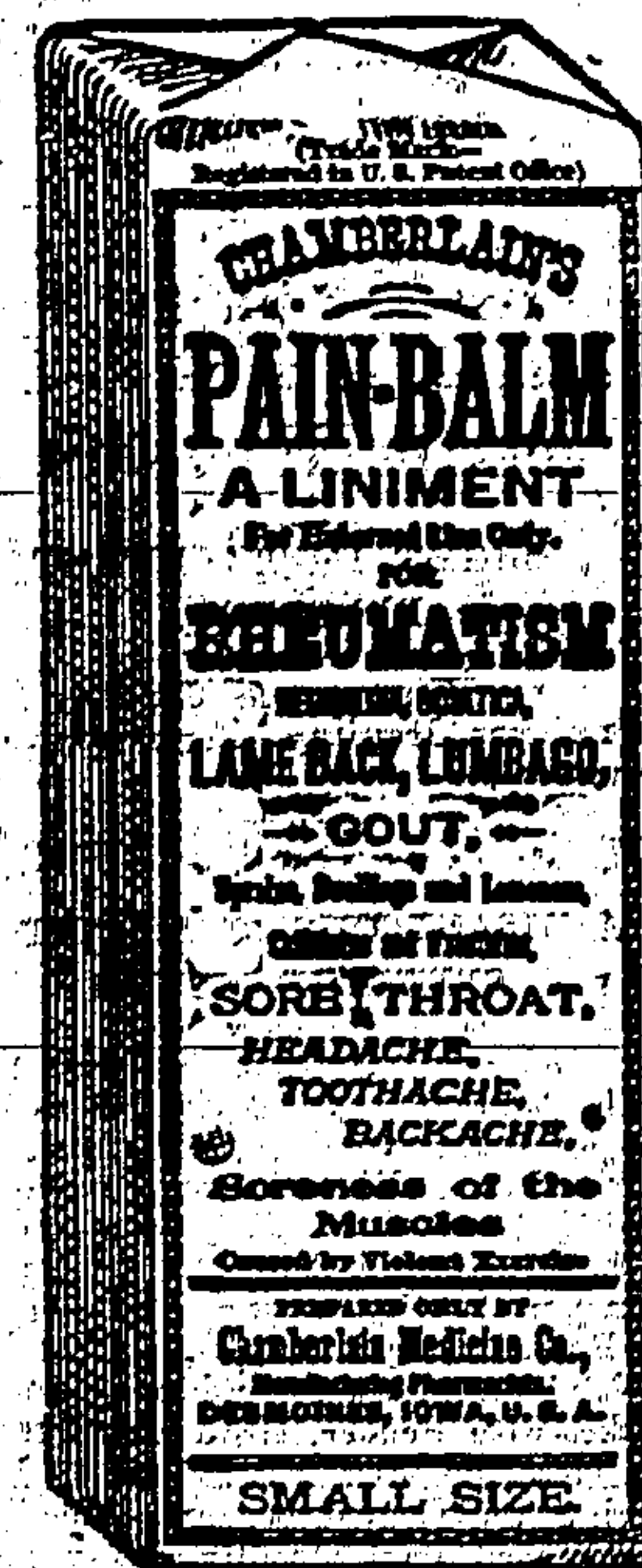
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